

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Western District of North Carolina

United States of America

v.

Nathaniel Ashford

Date of Previous Judgment: 11/8/04  
(Use Date of Last Amended Judgment if Applicable)

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Case No: 3:04CR39-11

USM No: 19521-058

Tanzania C. Cannon-Eckerle & Claire J. Rauscher

Defendant's Attorney

## Order Regarding Motion for Sentence Reduction Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2)

Upon motion of ☒ the defendant ☐ the Director of the Bureau of Prisons ☐ the court under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2) for a reduction in the term of imprisonment imposed based on a guideline sentencing range that has subsequently been lowered and made retroactive by the United States Sentencing Commission pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 994(u), and having considered such motion,

**IT IS ORDERED** that the motion is:

☒ DENIED. ☐ GRANTED and the defendant's previously imposed sentence of imprisonment (as reflected in the last judgment issued) of \_\_\_\_\_ months **is reduced to** \_\_\_\_\_.

### I. COURT DETERMINATION OF GUIDELINE RANGE (Prior to Any Departures)

Previous Offense Level: 27

Amended Offense Level: 25

Criminal History Category: II

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Previous Guideline Range: 120 to 120 months

Amended Guideline Range: 120 to 120 months

### II. SENTENCE RELATIVE TO AMENDED GUIDELINE RANGE

- ☐ The reduced sentence is within the amended guideline range.
- ☐ The previous term of imprisonment imposed was less than the guideline range applicable to the defendant at the time of sentencing as a result of a departure or Rule 35 reduction, and the reduced sentence is comparably less than the amended guideline range.
- ☒ Other (explain): No reduction is authorized because Defendant's original sentence was "based on" a departure from the statutory mandatory minimum and not on a sentencing range lowered by Amendment 706. See *United States v. Hood*, --- F.3d ---, 2009 WL 416979 (4th Cir. Feb. 20, 2009).

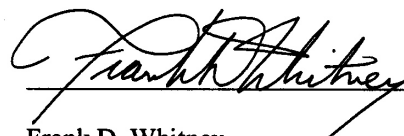
### III. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Except as provided above, all provisions of the judgment dated 11/8/04 shall remain in effect.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Order Date: February 24, 2009

Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different from order date)



Frank D. Whitney  
United States District Judge

